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GRAND OPENING - COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER ***Program Provides Computer Literacy to Public Housing Residents and Youth***

WHAT: The Housing Authority of the County of San Diego, in collaboration with ACCESS Inc., is opening an on-site Computer Learning Center at one of its four affordable housing properties in Chula Vista. The Learning Center will include a 12-station computer laboratory and will offer computer literacy services to foster youth and former foster youth residing in the South County. The center will also serve public housing residents and youth ages 14-21 that receive assistance through County funded programs.

WHEN: 4 p.m. Monday, October 25, 2004

WHERE: 772-792 Dorothy Street
Dorothy Street Manor-Community Room
Chula Vista

WHY: The Housing Authority of the County of San Diego and ACCESS Inc. will work together to open a 12-station computer laboratory at the Dorothy Street public housing complex. Services will be offered to residents of public housing residing at Dorothy Street, L Street and Melrose Avenue public housing complexes. The priority for program participation will be given to public housing residents ages 14-21; youth ages 14-21 in families participating in the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program; foster youth and former foster youth (including residents of Trolley Trestle) and other low-income residents and youth participating in the County's rental assistance programs. Those who qualify will be referred to the South Bay Career Center for additional employment preparation services funded through the Workforce Investment Act. Approximately 300 adults and youth may be served during the year by classes and/or supervised laboratory practice.

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Bob Stewart, President and Chief Executive Officer ACCESS Inc.
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